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**THE CONSTITUTIONAL WALKING TOUR OFFERS “BACK TO SCHOOL” PROGRAMS TO  
COMMEMORATE CONSTITUTION DAY & CITIZENSHIP DAY ON SEPTEMBER 17**

***Teachers are Invited to Have Their Students Enter the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual American Freedom  
Essay Contest to Win a Free Philadelphia Sightseeing Tour for Their Entire Class***

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** – August 8, 2011 – The Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia today announced its 2011 Constitution Day & Citizenship Day programs to help celebrate Constitution Day and “Back to School.” September 17<sup>th</sup> is designated as Constitution Day because on that date in 1787, the delegates of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed the United States Constitution at Independence Hall. The Constitutional Walking Tour is celebrating Constitution Day & Citizenship Day throughout the entire month of September, and teachers are encouraged to utilize The Constitutional's many free educational resources available at: [www.TheConstitutional.com/1787](http://www.TheConstitutional.com/1787) .

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual American Freedom Essay Contest**

In honor of Constitution Day, The Constitutional Walking Tour, which provides Philadelphia Sightseeing Tours, wants students to give their views about American freedom. The American Freedom Essay Contest challenges educators to have their students write 100-300 word essays on the importance of freedom in their lives. Entries will be judged in Elementary School, Middle School and High School categories with the winner in each category earning a free field trip of Historic Philadelphia with The Constitutional Walking Tour for his/her class.<sup>1</sup> The deadline for entries is October 14, 2011. For more details, educators are encouraged to visit [www.TheConstitutional.com/1787](http://www.TheConstitutional.com/1787) .

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<sup>1</sup> No purchase necessary. For complete contest rules, please see [www.TheConstitutional.com/essayrules](http://www.TheConstitutional.com/essayrules)

“Walking in the Founding Fathers’ footsteps with The Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia is a great way to commemorate Constitution Day,” stated Jonathan Bari, President of The Constitutional Walking Tour. “Along the tour, visitors see many important sites related to the U.S. Constitution including The First Bank of the United States which sparked the first great Constitutional debate between conservatives and liberals. The American Freedom Essay Contest is a great way to have students learn about Constitution Day and the U.S. Constitution.”

The Constitutional Walking Tour offers a variety of other resources to help Educational Institutions and Federal Agencies fulfill the annual requirement for Constitution Day programming. For more information, visit [www.TheConstitutional.com/1787](http://www.TheConstitutional.com/1787) .

### **Background on Constitution Day**

Constitution and Citizenship Day was officially established when the late Senator Robert Byrd, one of the United States Senate’s leading Constitutional scholars, introduced legislation that President George W. Bush signed into law requiring that all schools, colleges and Federal agencies receiving Federal funds offer annual educational programming involving the Constitution of the United States on Constitution and Citizenship Day, September 17th.

### **About The Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia**

The Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia is one of the leading providers of Philadelphia sightseeing tours. Located in Historic Philadelphia, The Constitutional visits more than 20 of the most historical sites on a 75 minute, 1.25 mile outdoor adventure in the Independence National Historical Park area, which is home to the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the National Constitution Center. The Constitutional is also the producer of the Spirits of '76 Ghost Tour of Philadelphia which features more than 20 of "Philly's Frights & Sights"™ on a 75 minute, 1.25 mile outdoor walking tour through Historic Philadelphia that features haunted facts and folklore. For more information, please see [www.Spiritsof76.com](http://www.Spiritsof76.com) .

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